Department of Historic Resources Reconnaissance Level Survey

Accomack DHR Id#: 001-0027-0047

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # F-005 - Dormitory {Current}

Property Date: 1946

Address(s): Bliss Street {Current}

Bond Street {Current}

County/Independent City: Accomack Vicinity of: Chincoteague State, Zip:Virginia 23337

USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST

Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal

Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Componant Description:

Comp Type/Form Material **Material Treatment** Component

Chimneys - Interior stove flue Aluminum Chimneys

Foundation Foundation - Slab Concrete Foundation - Poured

Porch Porch - None

Roof Roof - Flat other Roof - Original Replaced

Structural System - Stretcher Bond Structural System Structural System - Masonry Brick Windows Windows - Sash, double-hung Vinyl Windows - Original Replaced

Site Description: Set on a flat, level area on the corner of Bliss Road and Bond Road, and adjacent to F-4 (001-0027-0046).

WUZIT Count:

Historic? Wuzit Types No. Historic Dormitory

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

<u>WUZIT:</u> Dormitory

Accessed? No Est. Date of Construction: 1946 {Owner/written data} Not accessible

Primary Resource? Number of Stories: 2.0 Architectural Style: Other Condition: Excellent Interior Plan Type: Central Corridor Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: An original two-story main block, built of brick laid in stretcher bond, has been enclosed by concrete block extensions on the northeast and southwest elevations. Onto the outer walls of those extensions, five brick square-plan additions have been built, laid in stacked bond, each of which has a shed roof covered with corrugated metal panels. A one-story addition has been built onto the northwest (front) elevation covering the entire elevation while a two-story addition has been placed onto the southeast elevation, covering only the southern half of the elevation. All of the windows and doors have been replaced with one-over-one vinyl sash and metal doors. However, four windows of the original building were still visible at the time of the survey, two on the northwest elevation and two on the northeast side of the rear extension, revealing one-over-one double hung wood sash windows. Additionally, an exterior end chimney was visible, located in the center of the northwest elevation.

Cemetery Information

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National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s):	Military/Defense			
Historic Time Period(s):	S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)			

Significance Statement:

At the time of survey, this two-story building, originally built in 1946 and located at the corner of Bliss and Bond Streets, was undergoing remodeling; a process similar to what occurred to the adjacent Dormitory (001-0027-0046, WFF # F-004) located to the southwest. The building originally served as bachelor officers' quarters for the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). The building was designated as "F-5" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as "B.O.Q." on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as the "F-5" in the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by U.S. Navy. The building is located on the corner of Bliss and Bond Streets, in a level area near the geographic center of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base. Concrete sidewalks surround the building, with extensions to each doorway and the adjacent buildings. A wooded area is located behind the building to the southeast.

This building is an example of a Military/Defense property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945 – present) period and was one of several buildings constructed on CNAAS following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily ,research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. While the building still serves as a dormitory for conferences and as temporary housing by visiting government employees, additions and alterations have removed or obscured all original building fabric.

The Dormitory has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been adversely affected by the replacement and covering of much of the building's original materials, including the exterior walls, roof, doors and windows and the introduction of a modern additions to each elevation. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting, feeling, and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the building itself and the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffels and Valet

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Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

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Author: U.S. Navy

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Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

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